

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 2642–2662; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 74; and H. Res. 373–374 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H5580–81

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2056, to instruct the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–182) and

H. Res. 372, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2587) to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from ordering any employer to close, relocate, or transfer employment under any circumstance (H. Rept. 112–183).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ross (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:07 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Miroslaus Stelmaszczyk, Holy Family Church, Creighton, Pennsylvania.

Page H5500

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 313 yeas to 111 nays with 2 voting "present," Roll No. 639.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:02 p.m. and reconvened at 1:11 p.m.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, July 25th:

Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011: Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1383, to temporarily preserve higher rates for tuition and fees for programs of education at non-public institutions of higher learning pursued by individuals enrolled in the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs before the enactment of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 638.

Pages H5507–08

Recess: The House recessed at 1:50 p.m. and reconvened at 1:55 p.m.

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Official Photograph of the House in Session: The official photograph of the House in session was taken pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 299.

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North American-Made Energy Security Act: The House passed H.R. 1938, to direct the President to expedite the consideration and approval of the construction and operation of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, by a recorded vote of 279 yeas to 147 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 650.

Pages H5504–07, H5509–39

Rejected the Sutton motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 248 nays, Roll No. 649.

Pages H5537–38

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

Page H5518

Agreed to:

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that adds a sense of Congress that the United States must decrease its dependence on oil from countries that are hostile to the interests of the United States of America and that Canada has long been a strong trading partner and increasing access to their energy resources will create jobs in the United States.

Pages H5527–29

Rejected:

Christensen amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to include a finding stating that the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement estimates that the Keystone XL pipeline would increase carbon pollution associated with United States fuel use by up to 23,000,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide;

Pages H5521–22

Welch amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to add language to the findings section that states that the Keystone XL pipeline would run through the Ogallala Aquifer and explain the risk involved with this route (by a recorded vote of 164 yeas to 260 nays, Roll No. 640);

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Rush amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to strike paragraph 15 of the findings section (by a recorded vote of 164 yeas to 261 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 641);

Pages H5519–20, H5531–32

Eshoo amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to include a finding stating

the PHMSA Administrator testified at a Congressional hearing and stated that the PHMSA had not done a study analyzing the risks associated with transporting diluted bitumen; also require PHMSA to complete a review of the risks associated with transporting diluted bitumen, and whether current pipeline regulations are sufficient (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 264 noes, Roll No. 642);

Pages H5520–21, H5532–33

Cohen amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to strike finding 16 and replace it with language that outlines TransCanada's recent pipeline safety issues with the Keystone pipeline (by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 272 noes, Roll No. 643);

Pages H5522–23, H5533

Murphy (CT) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to add findings language noting that construction of the pipeline would permit a new source of oil exports to China and other nations (by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 275 noes, Roll No. 644);

Pages H5523–25, H5533–34

Rush amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to extend the deadline for permit decision to 120 days after final environmental impact statement or until January 1, 2012 (by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 265 noes, Roll No. 645);

Pages H5525–26, H5534–35

Hanabusa amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to require that a Presidential Permit approving the construction and operation of the Keystone XL pipeline will not be issued unless the Secretary of Energy in consultation with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), certify that the applicant has calculated a worst-case oil spill scenario for the proposed pipeline; and has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary and the PHMSA that the applicant possesses the capability and technology to respond immediately and effectively to such a worst case scenario (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 646);

Pages H5526, H5535

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to require a study on the health impacts of increased air pollution in communities surrounding the refineries that will transport diluted bitumen through the proposed Keystone XL pipeline (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 263 noes, Roll No. 647); and

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Kucinich amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 112–181) that sought to require an analysis of the effect of the proposed pipeline on manipulation of oil markets and increased gas prices for American consumers (by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 648).

Pages H5529–30, H5536

H. Res. 370, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of

246 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 637, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our Nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families.

Page H5531

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Small Business Program Extension and Reform Act of 2011: H.R. 2608, amended, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

Pages H5539–41

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Instructing the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures: H.R. 2056, amended, to instruct the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures.

Pages H5541–43

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 2584, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, July 25th.

Pages H5543–78

Agreed to:

Bass (NH) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for several land acquisition accounts by a total of \$20 million;

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Tipton amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the land acquisition accounts of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service by \$2,500,000 each;

Pages H5549–50

Griffin (AR) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund by \$3 million;

Pages H5561–62

Carter amendment that redirects \$1 million in funding with respect to National Park Service, Construction;

Pages H5565–66

Gosar amendment that allows use of funds in the bill to operate charter schools; and

Pages H5569–70

Gosar amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Indian Health Services by \$4,367,000.

Pages H5575–78

Rejected:

Lamborn amendment that sought to eliminate funding for several land acquisition accounts and apply \$50,721,000 to the spending reduction account and

Pages H5548–49

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Environmental Programs and Management by \$5 million.

Pages H5573–75

Withdrawn:

Norton amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$300,000 in funding with respect to National Recreation and Preservation and

Pages H5564–65

Mica amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for National Park Service, Construction by \$2 million.

Pages H5566–69

Proceedings Postponed:

Clarke (MI) amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Environmental Programs and Management by \$10 million;

Pages H5544–46

Dicks amendment that seeks to strike the proviso relating to funding limitations for carrying out certain subsections of the Endangered Species Act;

Pages H5550–61

Tonko amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for National Recreation and Preservation by \$8,408,000;

Pages H5562–63

Amash amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2011) that seeks to striking funding for the National Capital Performing Arts/Capital Concerts and apply the savings to the spending reduction account;

Pages H5563–64

Dold amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Environmental Programs and Management by \$24,700,000;

Pages H5570–71

Reed amendment (No. 44 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2011) that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for State and Private Forestry by \$8,291,000; and

Pages H5571–72

Scalise amendment, as modified, that seeks to reduce funding for the Office of the Secretary, Departmental Operations by \$420,000.

Pages H5572–73

H. Res. 363, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, July 25th.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5581–82.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and 11 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5507, H5508, H5508–09, H5531, H5531–32, H5532–33, H5533, H5533–34, H5534, H5535, H5535–36, H5536, H5538, H5538–39. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TEN YEARS AFTER THE 2001 AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Ten Years After the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force: Current Status of Legal Authorities, Detention, and Prosecution in the War on Terror. Testimony was heard from Michael B. Mukasey, Partner, Debevoise and Plimpton, LLP, former Attorney General of the United States, former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; Daniel Dell 'Orto, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, AM General LLC, former Principal Deputy General Counsel and Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense; Steven Engel, Partner, Dechert LLP, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, Office of Legal Counsel; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INVESTMENT IN TECHNOLOGY AND CAPABILITY TO MEET EMERGING SECURITY THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Department of Defense investment in technology and capability to meet emerging security threats. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TOTAL FORCE READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on total force readiness. Testimony was heard from GEN Peter W. Chiarelli, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; ADM Jonathan W. Greenert, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps; and Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL ON WORKERS AND RETIREES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled "Redefining 'Fiduciary': Assessing the Impact of the Labor Department's Proposal on Workers and Retirees." Testimony was heard from Phyllis Borzi, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration; and public witnesses.